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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

MEDIA



LeMans on TV – Boo to Fox Sports

I was quite disappointed with the available TV coverage of the LeMans 24 Hours. With the demise of SPEED TV, Fox Sports carries some of the sports car racing coverage SPEED covered. But this year, Foxsports1 only carried about 5 hours. Most coverage was on Foxsports2, which is not carried on my local COMCAST package. Or lots of other local cable providers, if the on line comments are to be believed. Usually the start at least is covered, but instead of the start at LeMans FS1 carried NASCAR Michigan practise at 8:30 am. PRACTISE? I could see the race or maybe qualifying, since NASCAR is probably a bigger audience. But PRACTISE? Bring back SPEED TV!!!



New Batmobile Surfaces



More pictures of the next generation Batmobile are popping up on the internet. Hopefully this too will wind up being kitted in plastic before too long.

New On Line Die Cast Review e-Magazine by *Scale Auto*



Scale Auto Magazine has launched a new on line only magazine featuring reviews and news of die cast models. Check it out at their website.

New Book: Fifty Years of Mustang Models

Fifty Years of Mustangs: A History of Scale Model Mustangs by Bill Coulter



Model car author Bill Coulter has released a new book: *Fifty Years of Mustangs: A History of Scale*

Model Mustangs. I have not seen a copy yet, here is a compilation of comments from the Internet.

First released to a “car-hungry” nation by the Ford Motor Company in April, 1964, the unique and special first Generation One Mustang was something almost transcendent, exhilarating and energizing for the U.S. car-buying public. *Fifty Years of Mustangs* takes an in-depth look at the first five decades of this automotive icon with a literal, global following with historic information on many of the full-size versions from the first half-century of production. Visually, *Fifty Years of Mustangs’ Scale Replicas* runs the full gamut of scales, eras shapes, colors and materials. As we’ll see in this book, plastic model car kits have been quite prominent and prevalent for those 50 years. Whether it was AMT, MPC, IMC, Revell, Monogram, Pyro, Lindberg, Testors, Palmer, Ertl, Tamiya, Model King, Gunze Sangyo, Nitto Kagaku, USAirfix, Renwal or you name it and we can pretty much guarantee its existence at one time or another. Then for good measure, some resin kits and quality die cast examples have been included from such sources as Starter, Precision Miniatures, GMP, Danbury Mint and Automodello etc. for example. Considering the amazing quantity of Mustang scale model plastic kits, the numbers become truly overwhelming when we fold in all the other Mustang scale replicas (diecast, resin kits etc.) and the countless pieces of Mustang collectible memorabilia. Though it would be nearly impossible to provide photos and text about every item that’s ever been available, most is covered here. Whether you are a model car builder, model kit collector or mostly an accumulator of “Mustang stuff”, we hope you’ll find what “floats your boat” right here in these freshly printed pages.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Revell Foose Agreement – Press Release



The world’s largest scale plastic model kit manufacturer Revell Inc. announced an exclusive three-year licensing agreement with acclaimed custom car designer Chip Foose that will add six new model car kits to its existing Foose collection. Two will replicate Foose’s real-world car designs, complete with original tooling, for the first time ever in the scale plastic model marketplace. The other four will be re-issues of

earlier Revell model kits that will be Foose-ified with Chip’s personal design modifications.

Revell’s first ever pre-decorated model glue kits featuring Foose designs, the 2015 Chevrolet Corvette C7 and Dodge Challenger SRT8, will be released in Q4 2015. They will feature Foose-created paint schemes, wheel designs and special Foose renderings used only on the Revell box art.

The two exclusive Foose cars will be selected by Foose fans and Foose himself from a list of six Foose masterpieces: his 1934 Ford Mercury-inspired “Stallion”, 1935 “Grand Master” Chevy Master Sedan, 1936 “Impression” Ford based roadster, 1965 “Impostor” Impala, 1956 Ford F100 pickup and Hemisfear custom supercar coupe. Collectively, the six candidates have won six major industry awards, including the prestigious Detroit Autorama Ridler award and America’s Most Beautiful Roadster (AMBR) award. Voting will open on the Revell and Foose social media sites in June 2015.

The series will include full glue and paint model kits as well as Revell’s first Foose pre-decorated glue kits. It will be released over a three-year period.

“Chip Foose is an icon in the custom car world and admired by every car enthusiast, including our customers. Being able to work on his cars through our kits gives builders an up close look at the details of Chip’s designs,” said Lou Aguilera, Revell VP and General Manager. “Our new Foose kits will give both the casual model builder and hard-core enthusiast more opportunities to do that, ‘own’ their own Chip Foose cars, and have the thrill of ‘building’ them just as Chip does with his full-scale, one-of-a-kind vehicles.”

“I grew up making models, and it put me on the path to being a car designer,” Foose said. “Partnering with Revell lets me share the pleasure of both model building and custom car design with others, including people who have seen my work at car shows or on TV programs like *Overhaulin’*. Revell’s model kits make it possible for anyone to literally get their hands on the one of my car designs.”

Round 2/AMT TeeVee Buggy



Among the latest round of reissues from AMT is the TeeVee Dune Buggy

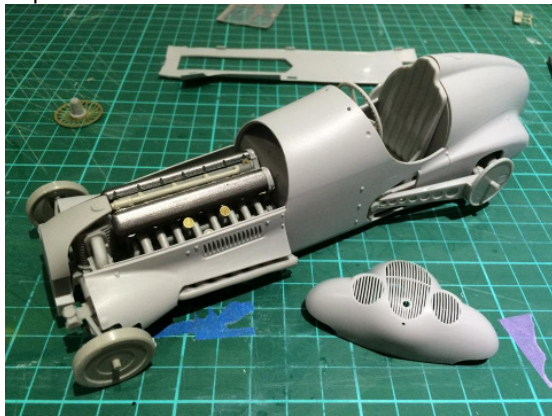
New Mercedes W125 Kit

Australian firm Southern Cross Miniatures is putting the final touches on their new 1/20th model of the 1937 Mercedes W125. The model will have an injection molded plastic body and multimedia for everything else.



This Hybrid Injection is a way for manufacturers to save money on expensive tooling while offering great detail for a reasonable price, at least in theory. No word yet on that price but the company claims the kit will be available in August. Better yet, they plan to do more subjects like this!

Sprue shots and a pre-production build-up of the W125 are on their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/southernxmin>



Thanks to IPMS/Austin for this news

EBBRO Lotus 88

The latest in Ebbro's line of 1/20 Formula 1 kits will be the Lotus 88.

This appears a curious subject for a kit, so here is some history, compiled from various websites.



The real thing in action



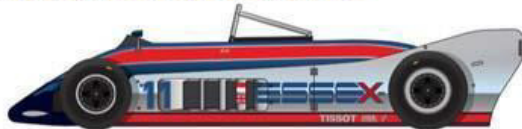
By 1981 F1 ground effects developments were coming fast. The FIA banned the moveable skirts fitted to the bottom of the cars' sidepods that were vital for achieving consistent ground effect, in the interests of driver safety. The Brabham team was the first to circumvent the rules using hydropneumatic suspension systems which compressed under aerodynamic loading and lowered the Brabham BT49 onto the track. This had the side effect of rendering the car without any sort of suspension, causing the driver to be buffeted even more than before. Performance gains were such that other teams were soon following suit. Lotus' Colin Chapman had other ideas.

An earlier Lotus 86 had been designed at the time when skirts were still legal, so when the skirts were banned, the 88 was quickly designed as a re-engineered 86, using an ingenious system of having a twin chassis, one inside the other. The inner chassis would hold the cockpit and would be independently sprung from the outer one, which was designed to take the pressures of the ground effects. The outer chassis did not have discernible wings, and was in effect one huge ground effect system, beginning just behind the nose of the car and extending all the way inside the rear wheels, thereby producing massive amounts of downforce. The car was powered by the Ford Cosworth DFV engine. Lotus drivers Nigel Mansell and Elio de Angelis reported the car was pleasing to drive and responsive. To make the aerodynamic loads as manageable as possible, the car was constructed extensively in carbon fibre, making it along with the McLaren MP4/1 the first car to use the material in large quantity.

Other teams were outraged at this exploitation of the regulations and protests were lodged with the FIA, on the grounds that the twin chassis tub breached the rules in terms of moveable aerodynamic devices. The FIA upheld the protests and consequently banned the car from competing. Chapman was adamant the car

was legal and challenged the other teams and the FIA at every turn, but the decision stood. It got to the point where if the Lotus 88 was entered in the British Grand Prix at Silverstone, the team would lose its championship points. Chapman was forced to update two of his Lotus 87 chassis as replacements for his thwarted brainchild. The Lotus 88 therefore remains a curiosity from a bygone age of F1, making only five starts. It appeared in several different markings.

**Ver.A :
TEAM LOTUS TYPE 88**



**Ver.B :
TEAM LOTUS TYPE 88B**



**Ver.C :
TEAM LOTUS TYPE 88B Press & Test Ver.**



REAL WORLD

Grace Autosport to be the First All Female Motorsports Team

From www.motorsport.com

Katherine Legge, a two-time Indianapolis 500 entry, will be part of an all-female team that will begin competing in IndyCar in 2016. The team, Grace Autosport, will be led by veteran motorsports executive Beth Paretta. The team expects to take part in the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 in 2016.



“For us, true success will be measured by how many girls and women we can encourage to pursue a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) career. Having said that, we

are here to win and our goal is within 10 years to make sure a woman’s face will grace the BorgWarner trophy.”

Legge, who competes in sports cars, most recently ran the Indianapolis 500 in 2013, placing 33rd for Schmidt Peterson Motorsports.

EVENTS

Great Salt Lake Championship

From <http://www.gslchampionship.org>
GSL-XXV was a spectacular success! There were entrants from 22 States, three Canadian Provinces, Puerto Rico, England and Mexico, entering 357 models. And then more than 100 display models were on hand. Also there was an historic presentation on the history of the Fisher Body Craftsman Guild, several major exhibits, six seminars, a tour of the International Model Car Builders’ Museum, and a Museum auction that earned the Museum a healthy return. See the website for photos and more.



2015 GSL Best in Show by Mark D Jones

The GSL team has announced their plans for the future:

We announce at GSL-XXV that GSL International Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention will not extend beyond five more events, which would take us to GSL-XXX in 2025. It is possible that GSL could conclude before that, depending upon the health and/or personal situations of the Trustees and GSL management. The 2025 date will allow competitors to start, or complete, entries they are planning to build for GSL competition.

That said, it is possible that a group of highly-motivated, second-generation enthusiasts may be able to carry on the GSL Tradition, and we’ll consider passing the GSL torch on to a team of such people. We are receptive to that possibility, and will have discussions with potentially-interested individuals and groups in the next few years. But for now, GSL-XXX is planned as the final GSL Championship.

This is another sobering reference to the aging base of our hobby. So we need to continue to reach out to new blood.

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. We urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web site, www.ipmsusa.org.

The IPMS National Convention is this month, relatively close in Columbus OH. If you have never attended a National it is a BIG event over four days, thousands of world class models on the tables in all modeling categories. Also there is a giant vendor room and lots of seminars and programs. While

We will find out where the 2017 event will be held at the Convention.

IPMS Calendar

July 22-25, 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa.org.



Sep 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO
2016 IPMS/USA Nationals Columbia, South Carolina

NIMCON 4 EVENT



NIMCOM 4, hosted by fellow local IPMS chapter Lakes Region Scale Modelers, took place Saturday May 30 at McHenry Community College in Crystal Lake, IL.



This is an all category event, not just automotive. Automotive judging is done NNL style, GTR helped out with the balloting process.



Best Commercial Vehicle



Lots of nice models in all the categories were on display.



Best Custom



This huge WWII German repair shop diorama was a huge piece!



Best Street Vehicle



Vendor Area



Best Competition Vehicle

80 modelers entered a total of 262 models in all the various classes. There was also a sizeable vendor room and lots of stuff was raffled off. Lakes calls the show a success and is planning NIMCON 5 in 2016.



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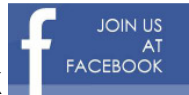
GTR Update

Due to the conflict with the Independence Day holiday on July 4, we will move up the July meeting date to the prior Saturday, June 27 (yes, the "July" meeting will be in June). Same place and time as usual, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building.

We still have some 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available; let us know if you wish to buy any. We will have new club T-shirts for 2015. They will feature the large GTR logo on the front, in either black or dark gray. The cost will be \$10 to GTR members, let us know if you want one along with the size and color. They should be ready for our NNL.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building. Any member who wants to bring up other ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so either at the meeting or contact me.

GTR on Facebook



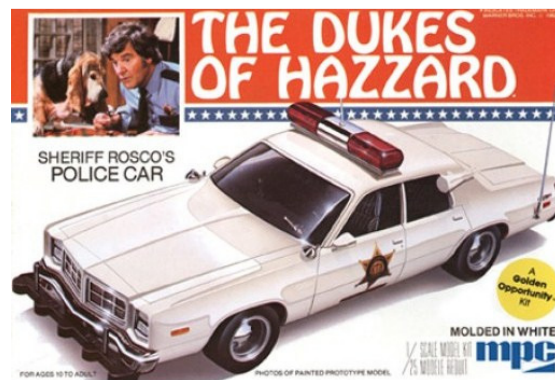
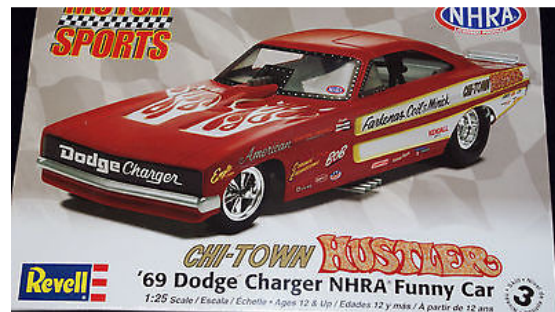
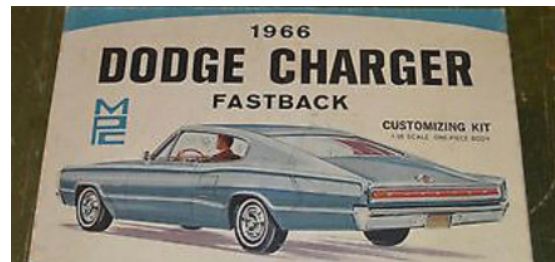
GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also the GTR Newsletter can be accessed as well as information and entry forms for the GTR Summer NNL.

2015 8th Annual GTR Summer NNL

In 2015 GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 2, at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 100 Years of Dodge. We are now accepting trophy sponsorships and raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support our event.

2015 GTR Club Project: 100 Years of Dodge

The 2015 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 100 Years of Dodge.



See the inspiration photos above. Finish a model of a Dodge between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me by August 2, 2015 and your 2015 dues will be refunded!



George Pritzen is the latest member to complete his project build, two in fact. At the June meeting he had a AMT Dodge Viper and a new Revell predecorated Dodge Challenger.



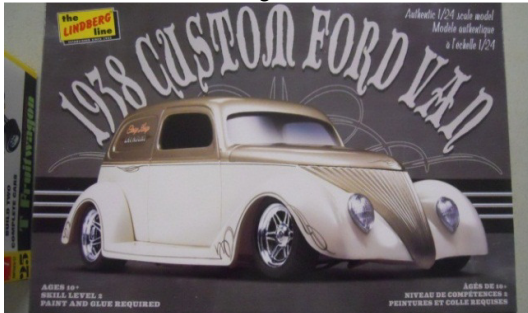
Still time to finish your club project!

June GTR Meeting

The June GTR regular meeting was held on Saturday, 6/6/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. Attendance was a bit light, as sometimes happens during the summer months, During the business portion we went over the Treasury Report, discussed the recent NIMCON 4 Event, and talked about other upcoming events.

Then it was on to Show & Tell. Here are some pictures of stuff on display.

George Pritzen had his completed GTR Dodge project, see pictures above. Also some new kits, reissues of the Lindberg 38 Ford van and the



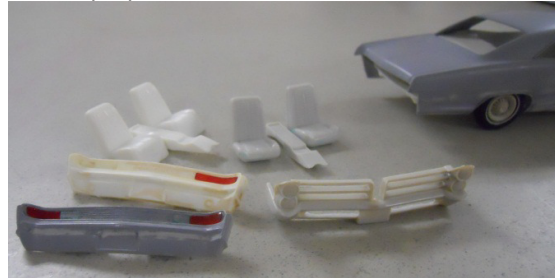
MPC Mack truck.



Rick Hannah showed us his current project, the AMT 65 Pontiac 2+2



He has shortened and narrowed the body to the correct proportions.



He also is making resin copies of the bumpers and will get the one for the build re chromed.



Chuck Herrmann finished this Alfa GTR Spyder, a converted Italian pull toy that is just about 1/24.



It is the companion piece to the Tamiya coupe kit finished earlier this year (see cover photo).

Dave Edgecomb had a Spark 1/18 diecast of the Rondeau Ford-Cosworth 379CL came as a kit that needed final assembly.



Also see the cover photo. This car finished 3rd overall at LeMans in 1981.

2015 GTR Summer NNL

8th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR
Theme: 50 Years of
Dodge

Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Dodges

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 2nd 2015 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn. Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM. Also we raffle off some nice prizes.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

Classes:		
Competition Open Wheel	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Competition Closed Wheel	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
Street	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
Custom	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
Commercial	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
Motorcycles/ Miscellaneous Curbside	All scales	All types
	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
Out of the Box	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
Theme: 50 Years Of Dodge	All scales, all types	Any vehicle produced by or sold as a Dodge No Plymouths or Chrysler please
Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Any model in the contest	

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GTR Event Calendar

July 16-19 The Hawk Historic Weekend
Road America, Elkhart Lake WI

July 12 Milwaukee Mile Indy Car

July 22-25 2014 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbus, OH
www.ipmsusa.org



July 26 Brickyard 400 NASCAR

August 2 GTR Summer NNL 8
Theme: 100 Years of Dodge
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL



Aug 8-9 Road America IMSA Tudor Sports Car
Championship

September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention
hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO

Sep 27 66th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct. 10 NNL Nationals 36
Toledo NNL Theme: Demolition Derby

Oct 18 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 10 IPMS/Glue Crew
Howard Johnson's Conf Center, Wausau WI
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov IPMS/Butch O'Hare

Dec 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeanimotors.com



Happy 4th of July!